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Derwinski Presented ACIA Award

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Congressman Edward J. Derwinski has been awarded the 1963 Freedom award by the American Committee for the Independence of Armenia. The award was presented at a recent banquet by Dr. James H. Tashjian of Boston, secretary of the ACIA.

In his presentation speech, Dr. Tashjian said that Congressman Derwinski, in his advocacy of the formation of a special House committee on the captive nations, "was holding 'true to the revolutionary nature of the United States.'"

He described the GOP congressman as "one of a stalwart cordon of distinguished Americans who have made it their duty to remind America of its revolutionary past and its duty to mankind all over the world in the never-ending struggle to enfranchise peoples and nations."

"Congressman Derwinski is a man whose vision transcends the narrow bounds of continents," he said.

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DERWINSKI, in addressing the ACIA group, emphasized the psychological area of the cold war with Communism, calling for an effective foreign policy that would include discussions of Soviet colonialism at the United Nations, greater activity by the Voice of America in radio broadcasts to people enslaved behind the Iron

Curtain, and a world-wide information program to expose the "imperial and artificial nature of the Soviet Union and Communist discrimination against the principles of self-determination of peoples."

Previous recipients of the ACIA award include Allen Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency; J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut and former Congressman Charles Kersten of Wisconsin.